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Thanks

.. Those parents helping out at the year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament on 29.5 (and those who helped out at the year 7 and 8 tournament this week).

.. Karl Thompson and Duane Barham for the BIG improvement to our senior playground - your efforts last weekend are very much appreciated.

.. Mrs Pol for donating a large amount of egg cartons to the Junior School.

.. Mr and Mrs Kim (and Mrs Comrie and Mrs Cates) for helping with preparations for Korea Day.

.. Mike Sinclair for using his building skills again making junior resources.

People of the week

.. Our International Students for making Korea day such a success.

.. Jack for awesome manners this week.

.. Esther and Ella for watering the newly planted garden outside the staffroom and Room 11.

.. Michelle for her gold medal in a gymnastics competition last weekend.

.. Our faminers .. Good luck!

Current Virtue . . **COMMITMENT**

Will announce shining examples of the commitment virtue at our school assembly next week.

Thank you to all of those families who supported with discussions at home .. this is the crucial difference!

Coming up this term

25-27 May	20 Hour Famine
29 May	Year 4-6 Winter Sports Tournament
30 May	HPV vaccination dose 2 (Year 8 girls)
30 May	Mobile Ear Clinic outside Bush Rd Medical Centre
31 May	Year 7 and 8's Rock Wall Climbing at Taurikura
5 June	Board of Trustees meeting (6:00 PM)
11 June	Visit by team from Education Review Office
15 June	Portfolios issued to parents
20 June	Visit by reps of Whangarei Girls High (year 8 girls)
25/26 June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
26 June	Matarau School Science Fair Prize Giving
27 June	Mobile ear Clinic outside Bush Rd Medical Centre
29 June	Final day of term 2

Famine (25-27 May)

Good luck to all of those children participating in this weekend's 20 Hour Famine .. and thank you to those who have sponsored. These children are engaged in a very worthy cause and so please give them your encouragement and support.

Mobile Ear Clinic

Will be outside the Bus Road Medical Centre Wednesday 30 May
8:3 AM to 3:30 PM. No appointment necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.

Matarau Hockey - Sponsored by McQuinn Ground Spread

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 19 May :



C Grade - Grace



D Grade - Tahi-Ora



E Grade - Nathan

Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following players of the Day Saturday 19 May :



Yr 4-6 - Abbey



Yr 6-8 - Tayla

Rock Wall Day - Taurikura - 31 May

Parents of year 7 and 8 children are reminded of the forthcoming Rock Wall Day at Taurikura. A number of consents are outstanding and so please get these to school on Monday along with the event fee (\$15 - which is additional to the Activity Fee paid earlier in the year.). Any questions please phone Mr D on Monday.

Thanks to parents helping out on the day.

International Schools Competition

Please note that practice papers will be available for students participating in the International Schools English Examination **week beginning 28 May** (Exam date 31 July) and the Maths Examination **week beginning 18 June** (Exam date 14 August).

This provides a period of preparation of around two months.

Parents are asked to ..

.. see that the exams are sat at a suitable time and in a suitable place.

.. help ensure that at LEAST one practice paper is attempted each week.

.. assist with marking (and timing). Answer sheets will be sent home shortly to assist in this process.

.. let us know if we need to adjust homework loads elsewhere or of any emerging problems.

We will meet with the children periodically at school to discuss test technique and address any general problems. We will also do our best to track children who are not completing the requisite number of practice papers but this is difficult and time consuming and so we need your help here please.

Year 7 and 8 Technology Fee

This week parents of year 7 and 8 children received a request for payment technology fees. These fees cover materials used while at the Hukerenui Technology Centre (terms 3 and 4) - a legitimate fee as children get to keep these materials. We collect this fee for you and pay it to the centre on your behalf as this makes the process somewhat easier. The fee this year has gone up (unfortunately) to \$60 per child. Please be aware that we do apply a small subsidy to this fee, and meet all other costs, to keep the cost as low as possible for families. Please give Kevin a call if you would like to discuss time payment options.

Term Headlice Inspection

Remember .. please check your children's hair weekly and to take prompt action where necessary before their return to school.

Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament - 29 May (pp 6.6)

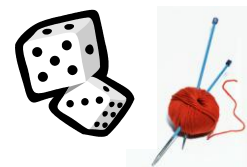
The above event will be held at Kensington Park this coming Tuesday - weather permitting. Children will travel by bus departing shortly after 9:00 and returning by 3:00. Parents are welcome to drop by to support our teams. Please ensure children have their lunch, plenty to drink, warm clothing and rain gear. Please also refer to your earlier notice re gear required for respective codes. Any questions in the run up to Mr Schuster please. (Transport costs covered by the activity fee).

Year 7 and 8 - Science Fair / Action research

Any questions about topics / experiments to Mrs Donaldson or Mr D please on scottydelemare@gmail.com. Please make contact early if you sense your child is encountering difficulty or is falling behind.

Request from the Library

During the coming months there will be lunchtime activities held in the library. For this we require various sized needles, wool, games and puzzles. If you can be of assistance please contact the office. Thank you very much.



School Contribution / Activity Fee

Thanks to those who have paid term contributions / activity fees. If you have not yet paid please do so at your earliest convenience. Those who have opted for automatic deductions are asked to arrange this as soon as possible please.

If you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements please contact Kevin.

Netball Fees

A reminder that the \$40 fee for Yr 5-6 netball is required to be paid asap as this needs to be handed on to the Netball Association. Thank you to those who have paid promptly.

Finally

Some more results from our "Learning Styles Survey". (all children took part years 3 to 8).

.. When responding to the statement 'I overcome difficulties when I try hard' 82% of students agreed or strongly agreed, 16 % were not sure and 2% of students disagreed or strongly disagreed.

.. When responding to the statement "I know my next learning step" 59% agreed or strongly agreed, 32% were not sure and 9% disagreed or strongly disagreed. (something we have to work on).

More next week. Have a great weekend.

And Finally FINALLY

Some facts on Korea from Korea Week .. (compiled by our Korean students)

.. Children spend 6 years in Primary School, 3 years in Intermediate School and 3 years in High School

.. Primary School finishes from 12:40 to 2:40 (depending on age)

.. High School might continue to as late as 6:00 PM

.. Schools are high rise (sometimes 5 storeys high) and the children do not do much P.E.

.. Koreans call sushi kimbob

.. South Korea has a population of around 49 million people

.. the capital city Seoul has twice the number of people living in it than all of New Zealand

.. South Korea is less than half the size of NZ

.. It takes around 12 hours to get there by plane



Regards
Kevin Trehwella
PRINCIPAL

Our Sponsors support your
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Can you help this family?

You may be aware that a local family lost everything in a house fire recently. This poor family needs pots, cutlery, towels, sheets, blankets, glasses, coffee mugs, plates, Tupperware, clothing, girls size 12 and boys age 13+, books etc. Everything it would take to set up a house. If able to help please contact Cassandra on 4335968 or 0212078887.

Lost

If anyone has seen/found a boy's orange/black jacket with the words "Harley Davidson" on it can you please contact the office. Thank you.

Community Notices

For Rent – 3 bedroom house, no garage, fenced, HRV system, open fireplace. Along school bus route. 10 mins to Kamo. \$290 per week incl water. Ph 4335814.

For Sale - 12 ft trampoline with recently renewed mat and safety net (Christmas time) \$200.00, Many different size chook homes various prices. Please phone Michele 4335061 or 0274810450

For Sale - Free Range Eggs, \$5 per dozen, Will deliver to school. Phone Carol Welsh 433 5035.

Pop Up Books – Display of 'paper engineered' books collected over 30 years. Old Library Art Centre, Rust Ave, 16th May-9th June.

Sale - **HUGE TUPPERWARE CLEARANCE SALE** and May/June promo, 100a Hodge Rd on **Tuesday and Wednesday May, 29th and 30th May between 4pm and 6.30pm**. Contact Michelle Blagrove on 09 4335 735 or 027 6100 303.

Carters Paihia Run/Walk - Sunday 27th May 2012. To register go to ASB Northland Sports House, Western Hills Drive, Kensington or <http://www.runwalkseries.co.nz/default.asp?PageID=4043>

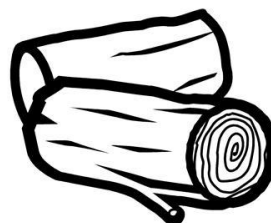


School Fundraising

FIREWOOD WANTED!!!!

As part of our fundraising this year, we would like to sell firewood. So we are currently looking for:

- Donations of trees/wood
- Volunteers
- Woodsplitters
- Trailers



If you can help out in any way please phone Sharon Smith on 4338371 or 027 631 9361 as soon as possible.

Many Thanks.